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Dear Mr. Black:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") contained in LSA Document 08-62. IC 16-41-2 grants the ISDH the authority to promulgate rules to manage communicable disease reporting and control. The proposed rule does the following:

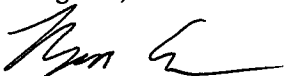
- Adds new definitions
- Adds communicable diseases to the list of reportable diseases while removing others that no longer need to be reported
- Adds diseases and control measures for communicable diseases
- Updates documents incorporated by reference

The proposed rule also amends various sections of 410 IAC 1-2.3 to make changes such as, updating definitions, updating reference information, clarifying language, updating and modifying reporting requirements, and updating and modifying control measures based on best practices as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Public Health Association (APHA), and the American Academy of Pediatrics. ISDH is unable to provide a precise estimate of the number of small businesses affected by this rule because the state of Indiana is not a business licensing state. Medical providers, health care facilities, and laboratories will be subject to this proposed rule. The ISDH estimates over 10,000 medical providers, health care facilities, and laboratories may be affected due to the number of entities reporting communicable diseases.

Although the ISDH cannot specify the number of small businesses affected by the rule, the impact statement prepared by the ISDH indicates that the proposed rule does not impose any new requirements or costs on small businesses and therefore has no economic impact.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with this proposed rule. The total economic impact that compliance with the proposed rule will have on small businesses subject to the rule is zero. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,



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